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Daylight savings time set to end; time to check your smoke alarms!

Casper, Wyoming (November 5th, 2016) – Every year at 2:00 am on the second Sunday of March, daylight savings time begins. And every year at 2:00 am on the first Sunday of November, daylight savings time ends. Tomorrow is the first Sunday of November so it's time to set our clocks back so we can all gain an extra hour of sleep!

In addition to a little extra rest; the Casper Fire-EMS department would like to remind everyone that when we face the time change twice a year, it is an excellent opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. The National Fire Protection Agency recommends that smoke alarms be installed and maintained in every home, because they cut the risk of dying in a home fire by 50%! That means simply having a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a home fire!

Many new smoke alarms are made with non-replaceable batteries and last roughly ten years, but many more still operate on batteries. If a smoke alarm runs on batteries, the batteries should be changed every 6 months, when daylight savings time starts and ends. All smoke alarms should also be checked on a monthly basis by using the test button.

The National Fire Protection Agency also has recommendations on where smoke alarms should be installed in each home. Smoke alarms should be in all the following locations:

- Inside every sleeping room
- Outside each sleeping area
- On every level of the home (basement included)

The Casper Fire-EMS Department feels so strongly about smoke alarms that we commonly have extras on the engines and in our administrative offices that we can give to people who cannot afford their own. Why? Because working smoke alarms save lives!